

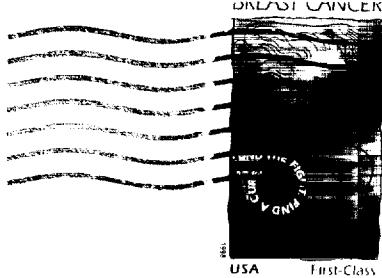
To whom it may concern,

I am writing in regards to docket No. 98P-0203/CD. I'm to understand that this^{go} would⁵ ban the forced molting of laying hens. I would like to urge you to ban this process as soon as possible. I've heard that this process involves starving hens for up to 12 days in order to make them lay more eggs.

This whole issue brings up two important questions in my mind. First, why don't many animal cruelty laws apply to the livestock industry? If I were to starve my dog for long periods of time I could get into trouble with the authorities. And second, what kind of society sanctions this and other barbaric practices? I think Ghandi was right when he said: "You can tell a lot about a society by the way it treats its animals."

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